

FLORIDA

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#24 Florida Gators (7-4/2-1)

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Last Match:

The Gators swept the Auburn Tigers last Friday night in their sole match last weekend at the Ring Tennis Complex.

Florida's 2015-16 Schedule and Results

Overall: 7-4 (Home 5-0, Away 2-2, Neutral 0-2)

SEC: 2-1 (Home 1-0, Away 1-1)

Date	UF/Opp Rank	Opponent/Event	Time/Results
January			
Sun. 17	24/63	TROY	W, 6-1
Sun. 17	24/NR	STETSON	W, 7-0
Sat. 23	21/20	at Texas (1)	W, 4-0
Sun. 24	21/15	vs. Texas Tech (1)	L, 4-3
Sat. 30	20/8	at USC (2)	L, 4-3
Sun. 31	20/12	at UCLA (2)	cancelled
February			
Sat. 13	22/NR	FURMAN	W, 7-0
Sun. 21	23/6	at Ohio State	L, 4-3
Sat. 27	41/35	FLORIDA STATE	W, 7-0
March			
Fri. 4	30/32	at LSU	W, 4-3
Sun. 6	30/8	at Texas A&M	L, 4-3
Fri. 11	25/64	AUBURN	W, 7-0
Fri. 18	24/13	ARKANSAS	5:00 p.m.
Sun. 20	24/22	OLE MISS	1:00 p.m.
Fri. 25		at Mississippi State	5:00 p.m.
Sun. 27		at Alabama	2:00 p.m.
April			
Fri. 1		VANDERBILT	5:00 p.m.
Wed. 6		VIRGINIA	5:00 p.m.
Fri. 8		at Georgia	5:00 p.m.
Sun. 10		at South Carolina	TBD
Fri. 15		KENTUCKY	5:00 p.m.
Sun. 17		TENNESSEE	1:00 p.m.
Wed. 20		SEC Tournament (Columbia, SC)	All Day
May			
Fri. 13		NCAA Team First and Second Rounds	
Thu. 19		NCAA Round of 16	
Fri. 20		NCAA Team Quarterfinals	
Sun. 22		NCAA Team Semifinals	
Tues. 24		NCAA Team Finals	
Wed. 25		NCAA Individual Championships	

*Southeastern Conference Match (1) ITA Kick-Off Weekend in Austin, Texas (2) Pac-12/SEC Challenge in Los Angeles, Calif.

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Match Day Facts

WHERE:

Linder Stadium | Ring Tennis Complex

WHEN:

Friday, March 18 at 5 p.m. ET

SERIES RECORD:

Florida leads the all-time series, 26-2

LAST MEETING:

The Gators defeated the Razorbacks, 4-0 on March 20, 2015 in Fayetteville, Ark.



#13 Arkansas Razorbacks
(13-3/3-1)

@RazorbackMTEN

Last Match:

The Razorbacks defeated the LSU Tigers on Sunday afternoon, 5-2 in Fayetteville.

Last Serve vs. the Razorbacks

Florida swept Arkansas in 2015 behind a doubles point and a strong singles effort. Singles victories came from Perez- Blanco, Watson and Orkin got his first match-clinching win of the 2015 season.

Freshman Impressing Early

Gators freshman Alfredo Perez is currently on a six match singles winning streak. Perez is the only freshman in the SEC with an undefeated singles record and a winning doubles record.

Eleven Matches, Eight Lineups

The Gators have used eight different lineups in eleven this season. UF has compiled seven wins with four different Gators clinching the match victories.

Number Two in Doubles

In the recent Oracle ITA Rankings, the senior tandem of Diego Hidalgo and Gordon Watson are the No. 2 doubles pair in the nation.

SEC Firsts

Gator freshmen Alfredo Perez and McClain Kessler have each secured their first SEC singles victories against LSU and Texas A&M. Perez is 3-0 in SEC singles and Kessler is 2-1.

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NAME	HT	CL	EXP	L/R	Hometown/Previous School
Jordan Belga	5-10	So.	1L	R	Boca Raton, Fla./Florida Virtual School
Diego Hidalgo	5-11	Sr.	2L	L	Guayaquil, Ecuador/Pert High School
McClain Kessler	5-11	Fr.	HS	R	Calhoun, Ga./Calhoun High School
Maxx Lipman	6-2	Jr.	2L	R	Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood High School
Elliott Orkin	5-8	Jr.	2L	R	Marietta, Ga./Eaton Academy
Alfredo Perez	6-2	Fr.	HS	R	Havana, Cuba/Coral Gables High School
Chase Perez-Blanco	5-8	So.	1L	R	Miami, Fla./Gulliver Prep
Josh Wardell	5-11	R-So.	1L	R	Fort Myers, Fla./Florida Virtual School
Gordon Watson	5-11	Sr.	3L	R	Naples, Fla./First Baptist Academy

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Trainer: TONY MUNOZ

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Making Moves in the Rankings

Senior Diego Hidalgo moved up 29 slots in the recent ITA rankings and is into the Top-25, currently sitting at No. 21. Junior Elliott Orkin jumped 16 spots into the singles Top-35 rankings. Orkin was ranked 49 in the preseason rankings and is currently No. 33.

Florida vs. SEC Opponents

Since beginning SEC play in 1950, the Orange and Blue is 388-228-4 all-time against SEC opponents.

SEC Freshman of the Week

Alfredo Perez earned his first collegiate honor on March 2, garnering SEC Freshman of the Week.

No. 50

Diego Hidalgo grabbed his 50th career singles victory in his match against Max de Vroome of USC.

Season-Opening Success

UF is 65-6 all-time in season-opening dual matches. The Gators have not dropped an opener since 1998 against Indiana

Fall Headlines

Hidalgo, Watson win doubles title at USTA/ITA Southeast Regional Championships, defeating the No. 1-ranked Georgia tandem in the semifinals.

Freshman Alfredo Perez wins seven matches to reach the main draw from the pre-qualifying rounds at the ITA All-American.

Elliott Orkin wins singles title at the SEC Fall Tournament.

Chase Perez-Blanco and Josh Wardell take the doubles title at the Bedford Cup.

2015-2016 Florida Gators



Jordan Belga
5-10
Sophomore
Right-Handed
Boca Raton, Fla.
Florida Virtual School

2015-2016 Season
Overall Singles: 15-6
Tournament Singles: 13-5
Dual Singles: 2-1
SEC Singles: 0-0
Overall Doubles: 1-0
Tournament Doubles: 0-0
Dual Doubles: 1-0
SEC Doubles: 0-0

Career Records
Overall Singles: 26-16
Tournament Singles: 21-11
Dual Singles: 5-5
SEC Singles: 1-1
Overall Doubles: 5-5
Tournament Doubles: 4-5
Dual Doubles: 1-0
SEC Doubles: 0-0



Diego Hidalgo
5-11
Senior
Left-Handed
Guayaquil, Ecuador
Pert High School

2015-2016 Season
Overall Singles: 21-10
Tournament Singles: 14-7
Dual Singles: 7-3
SEC Singles: 2-1
Overall Doubles: 16-5
Tournament Doubles: 12-2
Dual Doubles: 5-3
SEC Doubles: 2-1

Career Records
Overall Singles: 54-29
Tournament Singles: 30-14
Dual Singles: 24-15
SEC Singles: 10-6
Overall Doubles: 52-22
Tournament Doubles: 25-5
Dual Doubles: 27-17
SEC Doubles: 11-9



McClain Kessler
5-11
Freshman
Right-Handed
Calhoun, Ga.
Calhoun High School

2015-2016 Season
Overall Singles: 20-8
Tournament Singles: 14-5
Dual Singles: 6-3
SEC Singles: 2-1
Overall Doubles: 8-3
Tournament Doubles: 7-3
Dual Doubles: 1-0
SEC Doubles: 0-0

Career Records
Overall Singles: 20-8
Tournament Singles: 14-5
Dual Singles: 6-3
SEC Singles: 2-1
Overall Doubles: 8-3
Tournament Doubles: 7-3
Dual Doubles: 1-0
SEC Doubles: 0-0



Maxx Lipman
6-2
Junior
Right-Handed
Brentwood, Tenn.
Brentwood High School

2015-2016 Season
Overall Singles: 11-11
Tournament Singles: 10-9
Dual Singles: 1-2
SEC Singles: 0-0
Overall Doubles: 10-7
Tournament Doubles: 5-5
Dual Doubles: 5-2
SEC Doubles: 0-0

Career Records
Overall Singles: 54-34
Tournament Singles: 31-18
Dual Singles: 23-16
SEC Singles: 11-7
Overall Doubles: 46-30
Tournament Doubles: 17-12
Dual Doubles: 29-18
SEC Doubles: 13-5



Elliott Orkin
5-8
Junior
Right-Handed
Marietta, Ga.
Eaton Academy

2015-2016 Season
Overall Singles: 22-7
Tournament Singles: 13-5
Dual Singles: 9-2
SEC Singles: 2-1
Overall Doubles: 10-8
Tournament Doubles: 5-5
Dual Doubles: 5-3
SEC Doubles: 0-0

Career Records
Overall Singles: 72-28
Tournament Singles: 40-14
Dual Singles: 32-14
SEC Singles: 16-6
Overall Doubles: 52-33
Tournament Doubles: 25-13
Dual Doubles: 27-20
SEC Doubles: 12-9



Alfredo Perez
6-2
Freshman
Right-Handed
Havana, Cuba
Coral Gables High School

2015-2016 Season
Overall Singles: 24-6
Tournament Singles: 16-5
Dual Singles: 8-1
SEC Singles: 3-0
Overall Doubles: 10-3
Tournament Doubles: 5-2
Dual Doubles: 5-1
SEC Doubles: 2-1

Career Records
Overall Singles: 24-6
Tournament Singles: 16-5
Dual Singles: 8-1
SEC Singles: 3-0
Overall Doubles: 10-3
Tournament Doubles: 5-2
Dual Doubles: 5-1
SEC Doubles: 2-1



Chase Perez-Blanco
5-8
Sophomore
Right-Handed
Miami, Fla.
Gulliver Prep

2015-2016 Season
Overall Singles: 22-7
Tournament Singles: 15-4
Dual Singles: 7-3
SEC Singles: 1-2
Overall Doubles: 10-1
Tournament Doubles: 5-1
Dual Doubles: 5-1
SEC Doubles: 2-0

Career Records
Overall Singles: 47-18
Tournament Singles: 26-11
Dual Singles: 21-6
SEC Singles: 9-3
Overall Doubles: 21-7
Tournament Doubles: 14-4
Dual Doubles: 7-3
SEC Doubles: 2-0



Josh Wardell
5-11
RS-Sophomore
Right-Handed
Fort Myers, Fla.
Florida Virtual School

2015-2016 Season
Overall Singles: 10-6
Tournament Singles: 9-5
Dual Singles: 1-0
SEC Singles: 0-0
Overall Doubles: 9-4
Tournament Doubles: 7-2
Dual Doubles: 2-2
SEC Doubles: 0-1

Career Records
Overall Singles: 19-15
Tournament Singles: 16-11
Dual Singles: 3-5
SEC Singles: 2-2
Overall Doubles: 24-16
Tournament Doubles: 15-6
Dual Doubles: 10-10
SEC Doubles: 3-7



Gordon Watson
5-11
Senior
Right-Handed
Naples, Fla.
First Baptist Academy

2015-2016 Season
Overall Singles: 9-7
Tournament Singles: 4-5
Dual Singles: 5-2
SEC Singles: 2-1
Overall Doubles: 16-6
Tournament Doubles: 11-2
Dual Doubles: 5-4
SEC Doubles: 2-1

Career Records
Overall Singles: 79-43
Tournament Singles: 39-20
Dual Singles: 39-23
SEC Singles: 12-12
Overall Doubles: 76-45
Tournament Doubles: 48-12
Dual Doubles: 38-33
SEC Doubles: 20-16

Florida Match Lineup/Clinchers

DOUBLES

SINGLES

DATE	OPPONENT	1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6
1/17	Troy (63)	Hidalgo/Watson	Lipman/Orkin	P-Blanco/Wardell	Hidalgo	Orkin	Perez	P-Blanco	Kessler	Lipman
1/17	Stetson	Orkin/Watson	Perez/Wardell	Belga/Kessler	Orkin	P-Blanco	Kessler	Lipman	Wardell	Belga
1/23	Texas (20)	Hidalgo/Watson	Lipman/Orkin	P-Blanco/Wardell	Hidalgo	Orkin	Perez	P-Blanco	Kessler	Belga
1/24	Texas Tech (21)	Hidalgo/Watson	Lipman/Orkin	P-Blanco/Wardell	Hidalgo	Orkin	Perez	P-Blanco	Kessler	Lipman
1/30	USC (8)	Hidalgo/Watson	Lipman/Orkin	P-Blanco/Wardell	Hidalgo	Orkin	Perez	P-Blanco	Watson	Belga
2/13	Furman	Hidalgo/Watson	Lipman/Orkin	Perez/P-Blanco	Hidalgo	Orkin	P-Blanco	Perez	Watson	Kessler
2/21	Ohio State (6)	Hidalgo/Watson	Lipman/Orkin	P-Blanco/Wardell	Hidalgo	Orkin	P-Blanco	Perez	Watson	Kessler
2/27	Florida State (35)	Hidalgo/Watson	Lipman/Orkin	Perez/P-Blanco	Hidalgo	Orkin	P-Blanco	Perez	Watson	Kessler
3/4	LSU (32)	Hidalgo/Watson	Lipman/Orkin	Perez/Wardell	Hidalgo	Orkin	P-Blanco	Perez	Watson	Kessler
3/6	Texas A&M (8)	Hidalgo/Watson	Lipman/Orkin	Perez/P-Blanco	Hidalgo	Orkin	P-Blanco	Perez	Watson	Kessler
3/11	Auburn (64)	Hidalgo/Watson	Lipman/Orkin	Perez/P-Blanco	Hidalgo	Orkin	Perez	P-Blanco	Watson	Kessler

2015-16 National Collegiate Tennis Rankings

Administered by the ITA

Team rankings released every week, beginning Jan. 5

Individual Singles & Doubles rankings released bi-weekly, beginning Feb. 10

Date	J5	J20	J27	F3	F17	F23	M1	M8	M15
Team	24	21	20	22	23	41	30	25	24

Date	Fall	J5	F10	F23	M8
Belga	--	--	--	--	--
Hidalgo	33	31	48	50	21
Lipman	60	--	--	--	--
Kessler	--	97	--	--	--
Orkin	86	49	21	22	33
Perez	--	91	54	77	75
Perez-Blanco	84	62	88	30	51
Wardell	--	--	--	124	--
Watson	108	--	--	--	--
Lipman/Orkin	12	40	54	32	60
Hidalgo/Watson	23	3	1	<u>1</u>	2

BOLDFACE = career-high ranking; UNDERLINE = season-high ranking

ITA Team Rankings

1. Virginia*
2. North Carolina
3. TCU
4. Ohio State*
5. UCLA*
6. Oklahoma State
7. Northwestern
8. Texas Tech
9. Texas A&M*
10. Wake Forest
11. Illinois
12. USC*
13. Arkansas*
14. California
15. Oklahoma
16. South Florida
17. Kentucky*
18. Texas
19. Georgia*
20. Michigan
21. Baylor
22. Ole Miss*
23. Florida State*
24. Florida
25. Mississippi State

*2015-16 Opponents

SEC Team Standings

Team	SEC	Overall
Georgia	3-0	8-3
Arkansas	3-1	13-3
Kentucky	3-1	11-3
Mississippi State	3-1	11-3
Texas A&M	3-1	15-4
Florida	2-1	7-4
Alabama	2-2	11-7
Ole Miss	2-2	7-4
South Carolina	1-2	9-8
LSU	1-3	8-6
Auburn	0-3	8-6
Tennessee	0-4	6-8
Vanderbilt	0-1	9-8